

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1                   1.       A method for displaying multiple content pages in an instant  
2 messenger application, the method comprising:  
3                   displaying a friends list page in an instant messenger window, wherein the  
4 friends list page displays users that send and receive instant messages within an instant  
5 messaging community;  
6                   displaying content of a first interactive content tab in the instant messenger  
7 window at the same time that at least a portion of the friends list page is also displayed in the  
8 instant messenger window; and  
9                   preventing a user from hiding all of the friends list page from view in the  
10 instant messenger window.
- 1                   2.       The method as defined in claim 1 wherein preventing the user from  
2 hiding all of the friends list page from view further comprises preventing the user from  
3 shrinking a visible portion of the friends list page to less than a preprogrammed minimum  
4 height for the friends list page.
- 1                   3.       The method as defined in claim 1 further comprising:  
2 retrieving the content of the first content tab from a web page through the  
3 Internet.
- 1                   4.       The method as defined in claim 3 wherein displaying the content of  
2 first content tab further comprises automatically refreshing the content of the first content tab  
3 by accessing data from the web page.
- 1                   5.       The method as defined in claim 1 wherein displaying the content of the  
2 first content tab further comprises displaying the content of the first content tab when the user  
3 selects a first tab in a tab selector region of the instant messenger window.
- 1                   6.       The method as defined in claim 5 further comprising:  
2 displaying content of a second content tab in the instant messenger window  
3 when the user selects a second tab in the tab selector region, the second content tab being  
4 displayed at the same time that at least a portion of the friends list is also displayed in the  
5 instant messenger window.

1                   7.       The method as defined in claim 6 further comprising:  
2                   hiding the content of the first content tab when the content of the second  
3 content tab is displayed in the instant messenger window.

1                   8.       The method as defined in claim 1 wherein the content tab is an Internet  
2 radio tab that plays music.

1                   9.       The method as defined in claim 1 further comprising:  
2                   minimizing the first content tab in response to a user request so that the  
3 content is not visible in the instant messenger window.

1                   10.      The method as defined in claim 1 further comprising:  
2                   sending a message from a first IM user to a second IM user in the friends list  
3 in response to the first IM user selecting content in the first interactive content tab, wherein  
4 the message relates to the selected content.

1                   11.      A computer program product that simultaneously displays multiple  
2 pages in one window, the computer program product comprising:  
3                   code for displaying a friends list page in an instant messenger window listing  
4 users that send and receive instant messages within an instant messaging community;  
5                   code for displaying content of a first interactive content page in the instant  
6 messenger window at the same time that at least a portion of the friends list page is displayed  
7 in the instant messenger window;  
8                   code for preventing a user from hiding all of the friends list page from view in  
9 the instant messenger window; and  
10                  a computer readable medium for storing the codes.

1                   12.      The computer program product according to claim 11 wherein the code  
2 for preventing the user from hiding all of the friends list page from view further comprises  
3 code for preventing the user from shrinking a visible portion of the friends list page to less  
4 than a preprogrammed minimum height for the friends list page.

1                   13.      The computer program product according to claim 11 further  
2 comprising:

3 code for retrieving the content of the first interactive content page from a web  
4 page through the Internet.

1 14. The computer program product according to claim 13 wherein the code  
2 for displaying the content of first interactive content page further comprises code for  
3 automatically refreshing the content of the first content page by accessing data from the web  
4 page.

1 15. The computer program product according to claim 11 wherein the code  
2 for displaying the content of the first interactive content page further comprises code for  
3 displaying the content of the first content page when the user selects a first tab in a tab  
4 selector region of the instant messenger window.

1 16. The computer program product according to claim 15 further  
2 comprising:  
3 code for displaying content of a second content page in the instant messenger  
4 window when the user selects a second tab in the tab selector region, the second content page  
5 being displayed at the same time that at least a portion of the friends list is also displayed in  
6 the instant messenger window.

1 17. The computer program product according to claim 16 further  
2 comprising:  
3 code for hiding the content of the first content page when the content of the  
4 second content page is displayed in the instant messenger window.

1 18. The computer program product according to claim 11 further  
2 comprising:  
3 code for minimizing the first content page in response to a user request so that  
4 the content is not visible in the instant messenger window.

1 19. The computer program product according to claim 11 further  
2 comprising:  
3 code for sending a message from a first IM user to a second IM user in  
4 response to the first IM user selecting content in the first interactive content page, the second  
5 IM user being displayed in the friends list, and wherein the message relates to the selected  
6 content.